

SANTA BARBARA BACKCOUNTRY – Volunteer Wilderness Rangers (LPFA)

Schedule of Activities

Project	Dates	Project Leader	Description
Hurricane Deck	Feb 16-18	Mike Smith	<p>We will cut brush and repair the tread on sections of the Potrero Trail. The work will involve about 6-7 miles total of hiking out to the work area and back, with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. As we will be working our way up the trail the hike in shouldn't seem too difficult.</p> <p>This trip is the first of several projects the LPFA is sponsoring this year to help restore use of the Hurricane Deck Trail. For this first project, our goal is to open access up the top of the Deck, especially for packstock so we can support future projects along the crest of the Deck.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>
Madulce Trail Clearing	March 16-21	Ray Ford/Mike Smith	<p>The trail leading up to Madulce from Cox Flats has become extremely overgrown, to the point it is no longer passable for equestrians and difficult for backpackers. Our project will focus on brush clearing. This is a three-day project but for those who can stay longer, we will also be staying through Thursday the 21st. Goat packer Mike Smith will be leading the first three days of the project and long-time project leader Ray Ford will be there for the last three days.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: ray@lpforest.org or michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>
Sisquoc River	April 13-15	Mike Smith	<p>Join goat packer Mike Smith on a three-day excursion down the Jackson Trail to the Sisquoc. Work will consist primarily of brushing upstream and downstream from Sycamore Camp.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>
Indian Creek	May 4-7	Jason Beckstrand	<p>T this project will continue work done on the Indian Creek Trail last year. Participants will drive in to the upper Santa Ynez River to the trailhead and hike 3.5 miles (fairly level) in to Buckhorn Camp. The work will consist of brushing, improving creek crossings (there are a lot!) and treadwork.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: jasonnb@cox.net</p>

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Sisquoc River	May 25-28	Mike Smith	<p>This is a follow up project led by goat packer Mike Smith into one of the areas where work is needed on the Sisquoc. More info on the exact location later.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>
Hurricane Deck	June 22-24	Mike Smith	<p>Here's your opportunity to drive in with us to the Schoolhouse, enjoy two nights of camping at the confluence of the Manzana and Sisquoc and help us continue our work re-opening the western end of the Hurricane Deck Trail.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>

McKinley Springs	July 20-22	Ray Ford	<p>As the low country heats up, we'll be heading up for a three day project near San Rafael Peak. We'll be car camping at McKinley Springs and working on re-opening the connector trail that leads down to Big Cone Spruce and the Mission Pine Trail leading up to the peak. Enjoy the spectacular views, pine forests and sandstone on the final day.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: ray@lpforest.org</p>
Alamar Saddle	August 17-24	Ray Ford	<p>Join us for either the first 3 days (Friday-Sunday) or the entire trip. We will be car camping at Alamar Saddle and working our way down the Alamar Trail to connect with Bill Ferris camp as part of our efforts to re-open the trail and the loop back up and over to Madulce.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: ray@lpforest.org</p>
Bluff Camp	October 19-21	Jason Beckstrand	<p>Led by Jason Beckstrand, we'll be car camping at Bluff Camp and working down the Indian Creek Trail to Pens.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: jasonnb@cox.net</p>
Hurricane Deck	November 9-11	Mike Smith	<p>Follow up to earlier Deck projects. Here's your opportunity to drive in with us to the Schoolhouse, enjoy two nights of camping at the confluence of the Manzana and Sisquoc and help us continue our work re-opening the western end of the Hurricane Deck Trail.</p> <p>To join the project or get more info email: michael.d.smith@lmco.com</p>